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For: **HEAD RESTRAINT FOR A VEHICLE SEAT**

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This disclosure supplements a December 4, 2003 Information Disclosure Statement.

In addition:

- DE 296 03 467 U1 is believed to be a member of the same patent family as US 5,934,750.
- DE 296 14 238 U1 is believed to be a member of the same patent family as US 5,820,211.
- DE 197 07 998 A1 is believed to be a member of the same patent family as US 6,082,817.
- DE 299 07 245 U1 is believed to be a member of the same patent family as US 6,474,733.
- DE 100 04 766 A1 is believed to be a member of the same patent family as US 2001/040396.
- DE 100 47 406 is believed to be a member of the same patent family as US 6,688,697.

- DE 102 60 582 B3, DE 103 51 367 B3 and WO 2004/056606 A1 are members of the same patent family as US 2005/0127726.

DE 296 03 467 U1 discloses a headrest that, in response to a crash, is actuated by a mass, approaches (as a whole) the head of the seat user, and is secured in this front position.

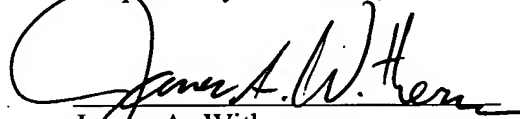
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